

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.:	10/578,249	Examiner:	Sarah Al Hashimi
Filing Date:	May 4, 2006	Art Unit:	2853
First Inventor:	Kazuo SATO	Customer No.:	23364
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For:	LASER MARKING DEVICE, LASER MARKING METHOD, AND OBJECT TO BE MARKED		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION
OF OCTOBER 29, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 29, 2008 in the above application wherein claims 1 and 4 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

A petition and appropriate fee to extend the period of reply by one month are concurrently filed herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.